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BOARD MEMBER RESIGNS

Metro International S.A. ("Metro"), the international newspaper group, today announced that Hans-Holger Albrecht has notified the company of his resignation from the Board of Directors. Mr. Albrecht has served on the Board since 2002.

Mr. Albrecht stated: "In light of the recent allegations against Metro and in the company's best interest, I have decided to submit my resignation from the board of directors. I accept responsibility for my unfortunate statement and its unintended consequences."

Vigo Carlund, Chairman of the Board of Directors, commented: "The Board accepts Hans-Holger's resignation and understands and respects his decision."

"The Board of Directors of Metro would like to thank Hans-Holger for his invaluable insights and contributions to the success of Metro over the last couple of years. With his unique international media background and experience working across all European markets, he was instrumental in building Metro's ambitious expansion strategy", Mr. Carlund continued.

In a meeting of the Board of Directors yesterday, a sub-committee of the board was formed to supervise the implementation of all current and future policies on diversity as well as the ongoing corporate social responsibility program. The board also reiterated the importance of upholding its zero tolerance policy.

The Board further resolved to appoint Mr. Robert Powers as Global Director of Human Resources, the first American to hold that post. Mr. Powers has held various senior executive positions in a number of leading US companies.

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Metro is the largest and fastest growing international newspaper in the world. 42 daily Metro editions are published in 63 major cities in 17 countries in 16 languages across Europe, North & South America and Asia. Metro has a unique global reach - attracting a young, active, well-educated audience of more than 14.5 million daily readers and over 32 million weekly readers. Metro has an equal number of male and female readers and 70% are under the age of 45.

Metro's advertising sales have grown at a compound annual rate of 47% since the launch of the first edition in 1995.

Metro International S.A. 'A' and 'B' shares are listed on the Stockholmsbörsen 'O-List' under the symbols MTROA and MTROB.